

American democracy
depends upon
informed voters.
Sinclair
Broadcasting plans
to misrepresent
their political
opinion as fact by
forcing their
stations to
misrepresent a
biased, documentary
against Sen John
Kerry as factual
news a few days
before the next
Presidential
election. They hope
to misinform many
voters, who will
then cast votes that
do not represent
their own actual
preferences. If this
happens, it will
subvert the American
democratic process.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them.
Sinclair's wide
presence gives its
biases credibility
through repetition.
Because of companies
like Sinclair, we
must insist on more
variety of opinion
among our news
sources, not less.

In this election
year, our nation is
polarized again.
Also, the world will
be watching us
closely this year.
Will America be a
good example to
other countries?
Will we trust our
own election
results? If Sinclair
proceeds with its
planned
misrepresentation,
the answers to both
questions are more
likely to be "no."

It's time for our
government, through

the FCC, to send
media companies two
strong messages:
they must meet
common-sense
standards of
fairness and
accuracy when
reporting the news,
and they may not do
what Sinclair plans
to do.